



Message from the Director

The Energy Division of the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development is pleased to submit the 1999 Biennial Energy Report called for in RCW 43.21F.045. An overview of the issues covered in the report is included at the beginning. We hope this report provides you with useful energy information and background to assist in making sound energy policy decisions during the 1999 Legislative Session.

The 1999 Biennial Report is a collection of documents that address some of the most pressing energy-related challenges and promising opportunities Washington faces. The report includes the following sections:

- **Energy Indicators** – A quantitative look at some of the most important dimensions of the energy picture in Washington, including prices, consumption, environmental impacts, and efficiency.
- **Washington State Electricity System Study - Executive Summary** – Prepared in compliance with ESSB 6560.
- **Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC)** – Description of functions and challenges.
- **Next Generation of Energy – Executive Summary** – Description of energy efficiency and renewable resource industries in Washington.
- **Year 2000 and Electric Utilities** – Description of preparations to avert Y2K problems in the electric industry.
- **Washington's Energy Strategy Status Report** – Description of implementation of provisions of Washington's Energy Strategy.

We look forward to working with you during this legislative session to enhance our achievement of energy policy goals and to help deliver affordable, reliable, environmentally sound energy service to the citizens of Washington.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss any of the issues presented in the 1999 Biennial Energy Report, please contact K.C. Golden, Assistant Director of the Energy Division, or other EFSEC or Policy staff listed in the directory on the back cover of this report.

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